

THE OLD BROKEN

How dear to my heart is my broken-down auto,
As fond recollections present to my view;
The auto which cost me five thousand and good dollars
And filled me with happiness when it was new;
With nothing to hinder and friends in the tonneau
I raced her along in most beautiful style;
Seldom took more than about sixty seconds,
When the cops were not looking, to cover a mile;
My badly wrecked auto, my broken-up auto,
My old broken auto upon the scrap pile.

That red-painted auto I hailed as a treasure
When first I serenely took hold of the wheel;
The telegraph poles seemed to stand close together
As I went like a streak in my automobile;
When others attempted to pass me I merely
Turned on the high speed, with a sneer or a smile,
And left them to fall in behind me, consuming
The dust and the vapor, which may have been vile.

Alas! my dear auto, my now useless auto,
My old broken auto, upon the scrap pile.

How often I raced over nasty bumps with it
While the wheels behind me bounced up in the air;
I busted an axle the first week I had it,
And escaped death ten times by the width of a hair;
But now it is merely a fond reminiscence,
My hands on the gear I no longer defile;
I will never again cause the farmers to curse me
Or attempt to take curves in a fool-hardy style;
My long, rakish auto, my busted-up auto,
My old broken auto, upon the scrap pile.

—Chicago Record-Herald.

THE MAKING OF FLORIDA COUNTIES

The county division talk is again reviving but it isn't half as loud as it will be before the legislature convenes in April. From all reports Dade county will be cut "smack" in the middle at the coming session and addition of another county will make more interesting history in connection with the making up of Florida counties.

Division has had lots to do with Florida counties. Commencing in 1812 by order of Gen. Jackson Florida was divided into two counties. West of the Suwannee river was Escambia county and all east of the Suwannee was St. Johns county.

In the first council held under Gov. W. P. Duval in 1822 two more counties were added. Jackson county was created with Suwannee river as its eastern boundary, and the Choctawatchie river for its western boundary.

Duval county was created with the Suwannee river for its western boundary, and a line drawn from the mouth of the Suwannee to Cow Ford on the St. Johns river, thence down said river to the ocean formed its southern boundary. Cow Ford is the Jacksonville of today.

The councils of 1823-4 made more counties. Gadsden was created with a territory reaching from the Apalachicola river on the west to the Suwannee river on the east. This was subdivided to form Leon county.

Washington and Walton counties were formed from Escambia and Jackson. Monroe county was created to include all territory south of Charlotte Harbor. Mosquito county included all territory south of the head of the south branch of the Matanzas river. Alachua and Nassau counties were created from the territory of Duval.

In 1827 Jefferson was set off from Leon and subdivided into Madison and Hamilton counties.

In 1832, Columbia county was formed. 1833, Franklin was created. 1834-5 Hillsboro and Dade came into existence. 1838 Calhoun was set off. 1842 Santa Rosa became a county. 1843, Wakulla was created. 1844 Marion and St. Lucie. 1845, Mosquito was changed to Orange.

The history of the other counties is modern enough to be readily obtainable.—Miami Metropolis.

THIS IS WORTH READING

Leo F. Zelinski of 68 Gibson St., Buffalo, N. Y., says: "I cured the most annoying cold sore I ever had, with Bucklen's Arnica Salve. I applied this salve once a day for two days, when every trace of the sore was gone." Heals all sores. Sold under name at Tydings & Co. Drug Store.

PHOSPHATE LANDS WITHDRAWN FROM MARKET

A Washington special says that acting under instructions of President Roosevelt, the secretary of the interior has withdrawn from entry, selection and location all public lands in Wyoming, Idaho and Utah, believed to contain phosphate rock, pending appropriate action by congress. The list of lands withdrawn was furnished by the United States Geological Survey as a result of preliminary examination of the field. Further work will be undertaken by the survey as soon as practicable, looking toward a careful classification of the lands in question and the restoration to agricultural entry of such portions as are found to contain no phosphate.

This action of the president has been taken as the result of facts brought out at the recent meeting of the National Conservation Commission in Washington. At this meeting it was shown that, at the present rate of production, the known available supply of high grade of phosphate rock in the United States will last only about fifty years. Although this western field embraces the largest area of known phosphate beds in the world, the absolute necessity of utilizing these deposits for the benefit of the farms of the United States was strongly emphasized.

Phosphoric Acid Important.

Phosphoric acid is one of the three substances which must exist in the soil, if the soil is to be productive. It has been shown, as the result of agricultural experiment station work in Wisconsin, Ohio and Illinois that in fifty four years soils of these states, in the cropped areas, have been depleted of one-third of their original phosphoric acid. This is equivalent to twenty pounds per acre annually. Assuming it to be only half this amount, for the four hundred million acres of cropped land in the United States it would require 6,000,000 tons of phosphate rock annually to offset this loss, without considering the question of increasing the agricultural yield above the present production.

In 1907 there were 2,265,000 tons of phosphate rock produced in the United States, and of this amount 900,000 tons, or about 40 per cent, was exported. The phosphate rock of South Carolina is practically exhausted, the Florida deposits have reached their maximum production; the output of Tennessee deposits is on the increase, but this field alone would, at the present rate of increase in production, last only eleven years. There is some phosphate in Arkansas, but it is of low grade. Therefore, the large deposits of the public lands must be depended upon for the greater part of our phosphate in the future. To insure the utilization of our own deposits in our own country some means must be devised to prevent its shipment to foreign lands. It would appear that this can be done only by retaining in the government title to all public lands underlain with phosphate rock, and leasing these lands under terms which will prohibit exportation.

Secretary of Interior Charged.

The secretary of the interior is charged by law with the care, preservation and disposition of the public domain for the benefit of all the people of the United States; and the rulings of the supreme court are to the effect that he has full power to meet such unexpected contingencies of emergencies as are created by changed conditions, new discoveries or unforeseen happenings. In such cases he fortunately has the power to make temporary reservations or withdrawals of the public domain, with a view to protecting and preserving the same pending the submission of information to congress; in order that it may enact appropriate legislation to meet the conditions disclosed. This power has been frequently exercised during the past forty years in the public interest.

In this particular instance the question is so vital to every citizen of the United States interested in the present and future agricultural production of the country that immediate action is necessary.

An executive order of withdrawal, general in its nature, like this, is under the rulings effective from the first moment of the day upon which it is made and therefore during the existence of the reservation, no valid location can be made or claim initiated. Valid claims initiated prior to a withdrawal and maintained by compliance in all respects with the law are not defeated or impaired by such a reservation.

Big Lake, south of the college, is about three-fourths drained of water from the caving in of the bottom of Blue Sink. Seventy years ago this same sink caved in, draining the lake almost empty, leaving high and dry carloads of fish. The banks surrounding the sink caved in perhaps 200 feet all around, and there is a small stream running into the underground passage-way from Niblack sink. No one knows where this underground stream empties, though it is possible that it flows into Itchetucknee river.—Lake City Reporter.

WAUCHULA

Nestled among the orange groves, pine trees and excellent truck lands, in the Peace River valley of south Florida, is the thrifty little village of Wauchula.

During the Seminole war the surrounding community was known as Fort Hartsiff, but was changed to Wauchula between the years 1884 and 1889. Its Indian meaning is "Bird in the Nest."

The year 1871 saw the Atlantic Coast Line push her iron horses through the town.

This was the beginning of a new era with the people. As if by magic, comfortable dwellings and neat store houses were erected, and from that period the town has continued to grow, the present population being one thousand.

During the last four years buildings of brick and concrete have taken the places of the old wooden structures, adding beauty and durability to the town. Wauchula has about twenty-five business houses, all doing business on a clean financial basis and an up-to-date plan.

The Peace River Hotel, a large concrete building, now almost ready for occupancy, will be a credit to the place and an inducement to tourists.

Besides the mercantile interests will be found other industries of equal importance.

The Wauchula Manufacturing Company makes all the crates used to ship the mammoth fruit and vegetable crops of this section, also furnishes employment to a large number of people.

The ice plant is one of the best in the state.

With a good telephone system and the best country newspaper in the state, she keeps abreast with the times.

Wauchula is supported by fine truck lands and orange groves.

Vegetables of nearly every variety are shipped from this point.

The average shipment annually of oranges is about 100,000 boxes. There are three or four large packing houses located in Wauchula. Most of this fruit is brought here and packed by experts.

The Wauchula High School ranks second to none in the state. Every year claims an enrollment of about 400 pupils. Bonds have been issued for \$15,000 with which to erect a new and commodious building.

From a health standpoint Wauchula is well located, being perfectly drained by the swift running Peace river.

The climate is ideal, the winters being mild and balmy, and the summers pleasant. There are three excellent doctors in the town, however, to administer to those who chance to need their services.

The religious and moral tone of Wauchula cannot be overlooked. Nearly all denominations are represented, the most prominent being Methodist and Baptist.

There are no saloons to lead astray the young and demoralize the old.

The people are intelligent, peaceful and industrious.

County division sentiment is strong, and it is hoped that Wauchula will some day be the county site of a new county called Seminole.

With county division in 1910 it is predicted for this progressive town a population of 8000 or 10,000 people within five years.—H. H. Crocker in Wauchula Advocate—Prize Essay.

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THERE ARE OTHERS

Possibly we ought to modestly say to the several newspapers who persist in knocking Governor Broward for his indiscriminate pardoning of convicts, that the GOVERNOR of this state is ONLY ONE MEMBER of the PARDONING BOARD.

When newspapers know this or when from ignorance,—it matters not why,—they are doing the very greatest harm to the cause of honest journalism, and seriously depleting its usefulness.—Jacksonville Floridian.

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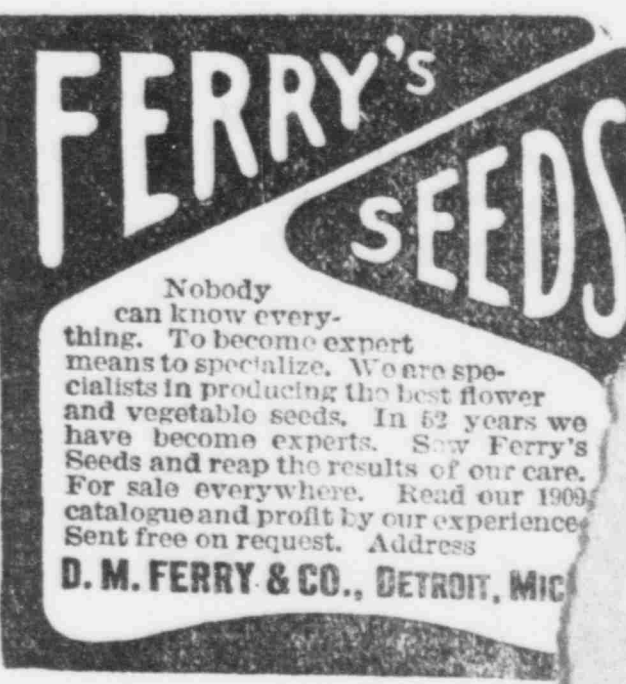
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